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Dear Fred:

Many thanks for your note of 17 November.  
I remember [ ] well and have not heard of  
him for years. I shall have a look to see whether we  
could be of any help to him. Possibly he could do some  
writing for us if he is so minded.

I am glad to hear that Katie and you are taking  
an apartment in New York, since I get up there on an  
average of once or twice a month, this will give me a  
chance to see you both.

[ ] is well and I have passed on to him  
your message. On account of the grandchildren, he is  
staying on in Washington until Christmas and will then go  
to Nassau for the balance of the winter.

Clover joins me in best regards to you both  
and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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1 - ER w/basic

FERDINAND LATHROP MAYER

BENNINGTON, VERMONT

November

17

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*Dear Allen*

It was very thoughtful of you to send me the book and I shall read it with much interest.

I was finally able to get hold the other day of a mutual friend of ours, [redacted], whom I found living in Woodstock, Vermont, only a couple of hours from here. He spent two days with us, and is the same delightful, thought-provoking and intelligent person that I have always considered him to be. The poor fellow is terribly crippled with a hip problem which, apparently, has no solution. I don't know what he is living on although he certainly doesn't seem to be well stocked with the world's goods. I believe he is working quite hard at some writing or other. STATOTHR

I didn't know until this visit that he had been in a concentration camp. As my memory goes, you were most helpful if not the person who got him out of his first internment trouble. I seem to remember your writing me and asking for an affidavit of sorts which I did send on this occasion.

Katie and I have taken an apartment in New York for three months this winter, after New Years. Being that much nearer Washington perhaps we will have an opportunity of seeing something of you and Clover which would be a great pleasure.

I haven't heard from [redacted] for a long time and hope that he is well and happy. We look forward very much to seeing him as well. STATOTHR

With best regards, and again many thanks for your book,

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

*for Fred*